(b) what is the total number of such cases during the year 1987 In which fines have been charged when the officers/officials were not occupy ing their respective allotments; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider to refund the amount to officials concerned if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Under the existing rules, rent is not chargeable in such circumstances.

Screening; of charter fishing applications

3752. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the screening of charter fishing applications is under way,

(b) if so, the steps which Government propose to take to implement the findings of the Expert Committee on Demarcation of Fishing Zones recently appointed for the charter fishing;

(c) whether Government propose to withhold the screening of such applications till the report is submitted to Government;

(d) if not, what is the purpose of appointing this Committed; and

(e) whether public opinion is proposed to be sought on the report of this Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (e) The screening of applications for grant of permits for charter of foreign vessels is under way. The Government's decision on the recommendations of the Expert Committea will be made applicable to the permit holders who are granted such permits. The Government will consider all aspects of the matter before arriving at a decision on the recommendations of the Cornmittee.

Ad hoc appointment of head of the Festival Directorate

3753. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA; SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) since when the present *ad-hoc* arrangement to man the post of head of the Directorate of Film Festival has been continuing together with the reasons therefor; and

(b) what are the difficultiesin ap pointing a permanent andregu lar Executive Director in thesaid Directorate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) and (b) The present arrangement was made on 8th August 1986, in view of the then forthcoming International Film Festival of India in January, 1987. The Public Enterprises Selection Board were not able to locate a suitable candidate for such appointment by that time, Tn the meantime, the Asok Mitra Committee, which went into the affairs of the National Film Development Corporation, had submitted its recommendations. One of its recommendations was that the Directorate of Film Festivals should be delinked from the National Film Development Corporation. This recommendation has since been accepted by the Government.